

(collectively, the Agencies) for both affiliated and nonaffiliated institutions. The form name is the Interagency Bank Merger Act Application. The Agencies need the information collected to insure that the proposed transactions are permissible under law and regulation and are consistent with safe and sound banking practices. The Agencies are required, for example, to consider financial and managerial resources, future prospects, convenience and needs of the community, community reinvestment, and competition.

Some of the Agencies will collect limited supplemental information in certain cases. For example, the OCC and OTS will collect information regarding CRA commitments, the Federal Reserve will collect information on debt servicing from certain institutions, and all Agencies will require additional information on the competitive impact of proposed mergers.

Current actions: On January 5, 1998, the Board granted initial approval of the proposal. A joint notice of the proposed action was published in the *Federal Register* on January 21, 1998 (63 FR 3182), and the comment period expired on March 23, 1998. The Agencies received five public comments from the Texas Department of Banking, the Independent Bankers Association of America, the National Community Investment Coalition, the Center for Community Change, and the Conference of State Bank Supervisors, as well as comments from staff at each agency. Most of the commenters suggested modifications to the forms and instructions. As a result of the comments, the application was further revised to include an "Other" category under the "Filed Pursuant To" section and information on Tier 3 capital (if any), the addresses of directors and senior executive officers, how the proposal will meet the convenience and needs of the community (including needs of the community under the applicable criteria of the Community Reinvestment Act, and debt servicing (if applicable). In addition, certain branch information requested in the initial proposal was eliminated. The additional changes proposed in response to the comments would not affect most applicants; on average for all applicants, the estimated burden would be unchanged. The other agencies submitted the same revised information collection to OMB for approval.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, December 23, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0031]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Contractor Use of Government Supply Sources

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Contractor Use of Government Supply Sources. The clearance currently expires on April 30, 1999.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before March 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0031, Contractor Use of Government Supply Sources, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Klein, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

When it is in the best interest of the Government and when supplies and services are required by a Government contract, contracting officers may

authorize contractors to use Government supply sources in performing certain contracts. Contractors placing orders under Federal Supply Schedules or Personal Property Rehabilitation Price Schedules must follow the terms of the applicable schedule. To place orders, firms will submit the initial FEDSTRIP or MILSTRIP requisitions or the Optional Form 347, a copy of the authorization to order, and a statement regarding authorization to the firm holding the schedule contract.

The information informs the schedule contractor that the ordering contractor is authorized to use this Government supply source and fills the ordering contractor's order under the terms of the Government contract.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows: Respondents, 300; responses per respondent, 7; total annual responses, 2,100; preparation hours per response, .25; and total response burden hours, 525.

Obtaining copies of proposals: Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0031, Contractor Use of Government Supply Sources, in all correspondence.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request Entitled Contractor Use of Interagency Motor Pool Vehicles

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA),